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held at the Palais des Nations, Geneva,
on Tuesday, 18 March 1975, at 10.55 a.m.

<u>Chairman:</u>	Mr. FLORES	Brazil
<u>Rapporteur:</u>	Mr. MOTT	Australia

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ORGANIZATION OF WORK

The CHAIRMAN reported that at the 52nd plenary meeting on the previous day the President of the Conference had said that, since the general debate had been concluded, the committees should start work as soon as possible. The Bureau of the Committee had recommended that it should be convened in order to begin discussing substantive questions allocated to it immediately.

At its 14th meeting on 19 August 1974 (A/CONF.62/C.1/SR.14), the Committee had set up a Working Group to pursue negotiations on articles 1 - 21 relating to principles of the régime (A/CONF.62/C.1/L.3), and particularly on article 9, and on the subject of conditions of exploration and exploitation. The Working Group had 50 members, under the chairmanship of Mr. Pinto (Sri Lanka), but it was understood that any delegation which was interested could participate in its work.

He proposed that the Committee should request the Working Group to begin work as soon as possible.

It was so decided.

Mr. PINTO (Sri Lanka), Chairman of the Working Group, said that he had not yet had time to consult the members of the Group as to the method of work to be followed. His own view was that the Working Group should meet on 19 March 1975 to review the documentation and texts that had been before it at the end of the second session, assess the situation, and plan the rest of its work on that basis.

The CHAIRMAN said that at the second session the Committee had asked the Secretariat to prepare a number of reports. Some of them had already been distributed, and others would be distributed shortly. The Committee could deal with them at a later stage.

The meeting rose at 11.10 a.m.

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